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A tea party with taxes



JOHN F. KIRN III — THE FLAT HAT

Braving the rain, several hundred people gathered at the College's Crim Dell Meadow last weekend to listen to speeches protesting the current level of spending by the U.S. Congress.

Event draws large crowd despite bad weather

By **PETE THOMAS**
The Flat Hat

Approximately 500 people gathered in the Crim Dell Meadow at the College of William and Mary to protest state and federal tax policies at the "Colonial Area Tea Party for America" Saturday. The event, organized by the College Republicans, was organized to rally against what the group called "wasteful government spending."

"Our event is part of a national movement to have these Tea Parties during the week of Tax Day," College Republican Chairman Thomas Chappell '11 said. "It is clear that many of us here at the College are fed up with the wasteful government spending and the bailouts that run contrary to the principles of capitalism and threaten the American Dream."

Despite the event's name, there was no rebellious dumping of colonial tea into the Crim Dell. Instead, a large crowd of mostly over 50-year-olds, along with a few students and children, listened to speeches from prominent Virginia politicians and student leaders of College political organizations.

Although the event was advertised as a non-partisan event, there was a clear conservative tone to the ceremony.

Speakers included U.S. Rep. Rob Wittman (R-VA 1), Va. Delegates Brenda Pogge and Bill Janis and Va. Sen. Tommy Norment, all of whom are Republicans.

Maurice Nestor, the Williamsburg community coordinator from the organization Americans for Fair Taxation, was also present. According to the group's website, it promotes legislation that "abolishes all federal personal and corporate income tax-

es, gift, estate, capital gains, alternative minimum, Social Security, Medicare and self-employment taxes and replaces them with one simple, visible, federal retail sales tax administered primarily by existing state sales tax authorities."

"If you understand the legislation, you'll support it," Nestor said.

Mary K. Jones, vice chair of the James City County Board of Supervisors, also spoke.

"It is important that we get back to the principles of free enterprise," Jones said. "Get the government out of the way."

Student speakers included Michael Young '11, president of William and Mary Young Libertarians, and law student Stephen Murray J.D. '11, an active duty Naval Officer.

In his speech, Young said that the Young Libertarians disagree with many of the College Republicans' opinions, except on the issue of big

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Four students assaulted near Sadler Center

Assailants accost group, allegedly flash firearm

By **MAGGIE REEB**
Flat Hat News Editor

At approximately 1:40 a.m. Sunday morning, three individuals assaulted and attempted to rob four College of William and Mary students outside of the Sadler Center. One assailant allegedly struck Ed Ahn '11, Andy Henderson '10 and Eric Rydin '10 and shoved Alex Moore '09.

The students involved declined medical treatment after the incident.

Two groups of students were converging on the Sadler Center terrace when a car carrying the three assailants pulled up near the terrace, allegedly almost hitting a student in the group, according to eyewitnesses. Maya Horowitz '10, who witnessed the event, said that two passengers exited the car and one began yelling racial epithets at the group of students.

"It wasn't clear what he was yelling. It almost sounded like he knew us," Rydin said. "So we yelled 'Hey. What's up?' back. He then got out and pretty aggressively started pushing us and was in our faces saying nonsensical things like 'What's good?'"

According to eyewitnesses, Michael Harrison '12 walked by the terrace, heard the assailant yelling racial slurs and attempted to mediate the conflict. The assailant then allegedly showed Harrison a gun hidden in the waistband of his pants.

Harrison declined to comment for this story.

The students tried to walk away from the two men, but the assailants followed the group toward the Daily Grind. One assailant continued to verbally assault the group and threw a chair from outside of the Grind at the students. At this point, the assailant began hitting people in the face.

Several people called the police while the assailant continued to assault the group.

"The whole point was to just provoke us," Horowitz

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College aims to sell vacant land

Developer could buy property in Newport News for millions

By **MASON WATSON**
Flat Hat Assoc. News Editor

The College of William and Mary is negotiating a potential \$18.5 million deal with a developer seeking to purchase 43 acres of the College's land in Newport News.

In order to close the deal, the city must accept a request to rezone the College's empty and undeveloped land near the center of Newport News.

The plot and adjacent properties are currently zoned for office and research development.

The College originally acquired the land from the state in 1989, intending to construct a research park in partnership with the nearby Jefferson Lab. That project has since been abandoned, and the plot no longer figures in the College's short or long-range plans.

The College could potentially use some of the revenue from the sale of the land to purchase property around the campus, construct student housing and develop "student-friendly" retail stores near Wawa on Richmond Rd., the Daily Press reported.

According to Newport News Senior District Planner Saul Gleiser, any rezoning petition would face serious challenges.

"What they need is to get the [Newport News] master plan amended," Gleiser said.

The rezoning petition must be reviewed extensively before it can even be considered by the Newport News City Council. Petitions first go before the Planning

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Number of applicants largest in College history

Median SAT score rises for first time in two years

By **ISSHIN TESHIMA**
Flat Hat News Editor

The College of William and Mary has received 12,104 applications from potential students, the most in admissions history.

Applications were up four percent from last year when the College received 11,622.

The College has accepted approximately 4,000 students for the Class of 2013, bringing the admission rate to about 33 percent.

However, the final number could change, depending on how many applicants the College decides to accept from its wait list.

The admission rate for the Class of 2012 was also initially 33 percent. However, once additional

students were admitted to the College from the wait list, it increased to 35 percent.

Within the portion of incoming freshmen whose schools ranked students, 86 percent were within the top 10 percent of their classes.

In addition, 26 percent of the students, or 1,038 accepted applicants, were ethnic minorities.

More minority students were admitted this year than any other academic year.

The mid-50th percentile of the incoming class also scored an average SAT score of 1330-1480. This was also the first time in two years that the median SAT score rose.

According to an e-mail from Dean of Admission Henry Broaddus, the College admitted students from 30 different foreign countries into the

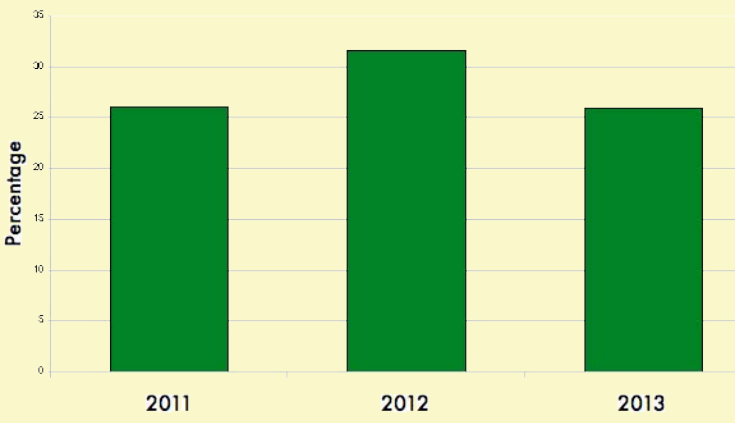
Class of 2013.

"We are very excited to have admitted a group of students with such a broad range of talents and backgrounds and such an incredible record of achievement both in and out of the classroom," Broaddus said.

Alex Dodd '13, an admitted student and current administrator of the Class of 2013 Facebook group, said that he was very impressed by the College's traditions and community.

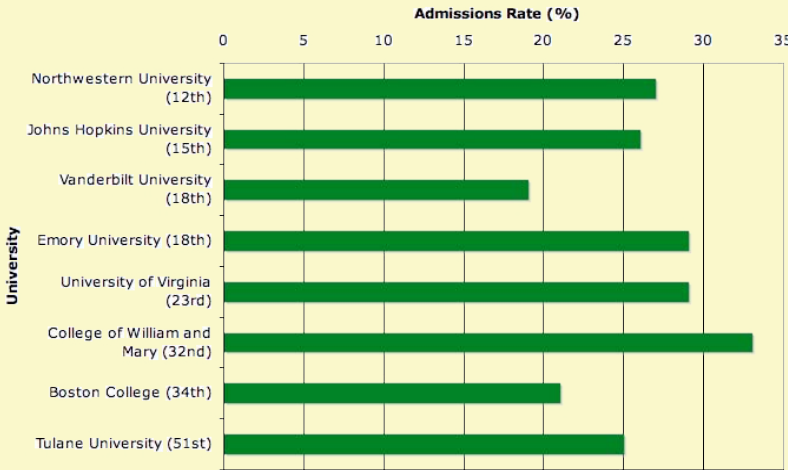
"I wasn't able to go to an admitted student day," he said in a Facebook message. "However, I am so excited to be attending this fall. The sense of community and camaraderie I felt when I did visit was just so strong, and I can't wait to be a part of it."

Percentage of minority applicants accepted at the College



SOURCE — COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY

Percentage of Applicants Admitted for Class of 2013



*Note: Numbers beside institutions represent their ranking on the most recent U.S. News and World Report rankings.

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Corrections

In last Friday's issue, the article "Students expand College language repertoire," incorrectly labeled a language as African creole. It should have been Haitian Creole.

The Flat Hat wishes to correct any facts printed incorrectly. Corrections may be submitted by e-mail to the section editor in which the incorrect information was printed. Requests for corrections will be accepted at any time.


Weather

Tuesday




High 59°
Low 50°

Wednesday



High 54°
Low 43°

Thursday



High 62°
Low 43°

Source: weather.com

News in Brief

Committee on sustainability announces green grants

The College of William and Mary Committee on Sustainability awarded four student summer research grants for the study of environmental activities on campus, including recycling locally produced food.

The four projects recognized by the committee will investigate campus recycling, geographic information system mapping of campus ecological elements and sustainable food procurement with the intention of decreasing the College's carbon footprint.

Each grant supplies the projects with \$3,500 for the summer, with the possibility of an additional \$1,500 for research expenses if needed.

The grants, which are funded by the College's "green fees," are part of an effort to advance the College's Sustainability Policy, announced by President Taylor Reveley in the spring of 2008.

Barlow files candidacy for 64th district house seat

Delegate Bill Barlow announced his intent to run for the Democratic nomination in the 64th house district.

Barlow submitted 464 petition signatures in order to qualify as a candidate for the primary election. Virginia law requires a candidate to file 125 signatures in order to qualify.

"I want to thank everyone who signed to place my name on the ballot and the volunteers who helped us," Barlow said in a press release.

The Democratic primary will be held on June 9. Republicans in the 64th district will forgo a primary election, opting for a mass meeting.

The 64th district includes all of Surry County and the City of Williamsburg.

— by Ian Brickey

Alan Bukzin Bone Marrow Drive

By the Numbers

1,000

The number of new donors the drive hopes to register at this year's Bone Marrow Drive.

275

The number of bone marrow matches made with students and alumni of the College of William and Mary.

\$52

The cost of a single cheek swab test, used to add a person to the National Bone Marrow Registry.

840

The number of students registered at the 2008 Bone Marrow Drive at the College.

12,000

The number of students at the College registered during the 17 years of the drive's existence.

— by Ian Brickey

STREET BEAT

How do you feel about the number of tour groups of admitted students on campus lately?



"I kind of want to join in."

Pablo Fierro '10



"They say the same lies to all of them."

Erica Hart '10



"There's no parking, but it's exciting to see them here."

Maurene Comey '10



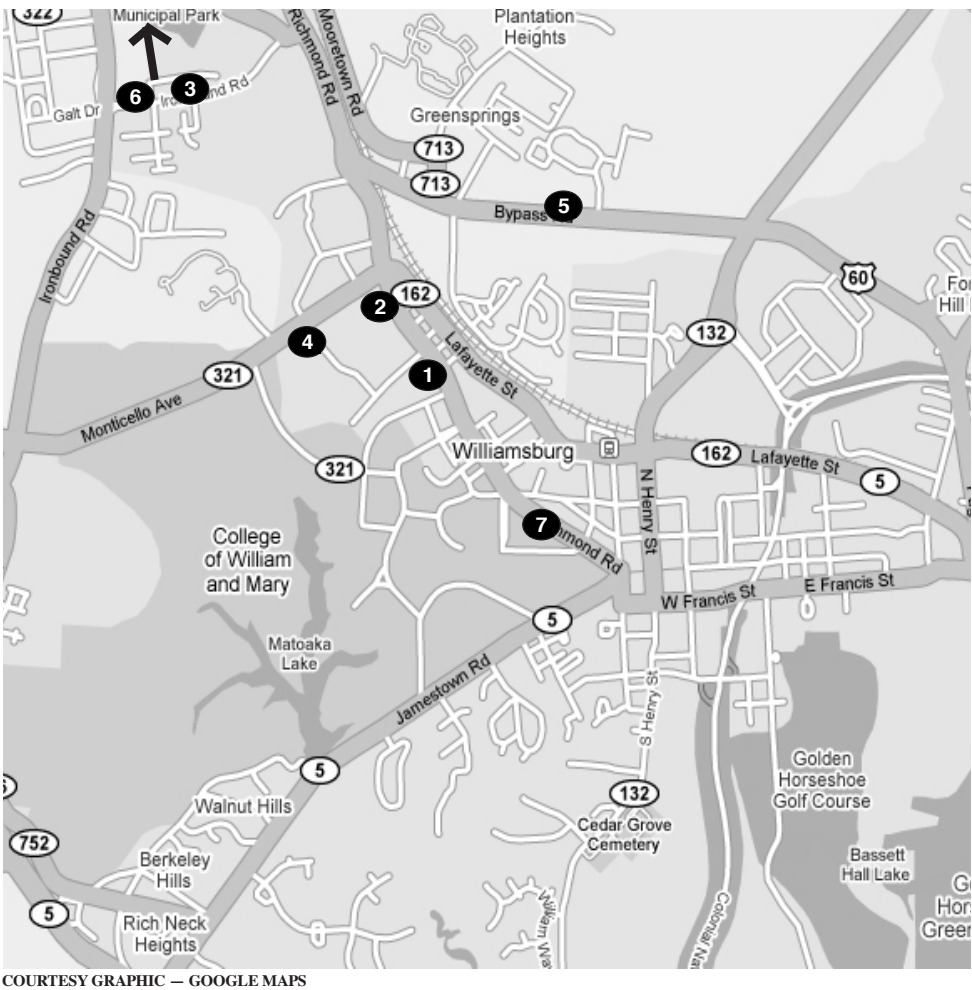
"I miss being able to find tables at the marketplace for lunch, but it's good for the school."

Travis Thompson '11

— photos and interviews by Maral Noori-Moghaddam

CITY POLICE BEAT

April 3 to April 12



- Friday, April 3** — A 34-year-old male was arrested on the 900 block of Richmond Rd. for allegedly driving with a restricted license.
- Monday, April 6** — An 18-year-old male was arrested on the 1300 block of Richmond Rd. for alleged possession of marijuana.
- Tuesday, April 7** — A 33-year-old male was arrested on the 1800 block of Richmond Rd. for allegedly driving under the influence.
- Thursday, April 9** — A 38-year-old male was arrested at the intersection of Mt. Vernon Avenue and Richmond Road for allegedly driving under the influence.
- Saturday, April 11** — A 25-year-old male was arrested on the 1100 block of Bypass Rd. for allegedly driving with a suspended license.
- A 38-year-old male was arrested at the intersection of Ironbound Road and Tennis Court for allegedly driving with a suspended license.
- Sunday, April 12** — An individual was arrested on the 300 block of Richmond Rd. for alleged underage possession of alcohol.

— compiled by Ian Brickey

Second VPSA finalist speaks to forum

Brings administrative experience from positions in Texas and North Carolina

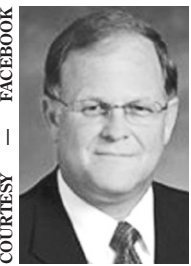
By BERTEL KING, Jr.
Flat Hat Assoc. News Editor

Vice President for Student Affairs candidate Dean L. Bresciani addressed a crowd of 30 students and adults at Blow Hall Monday.

He was the second candidate to speak at the College of William and Mary regarding the VPSA position left open by Sam Sadler '64 M.Ed. '71, who retired last year after serving as the College's VPSA for 41 years.

Bresciani possesses administrative experience at both the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and Texas A&M University.

He began the student forum by talking about his experience working for colleges from all over the country at schools ranging



Bresciani

from 2,000 to 40,000 students.

Bresciani said he held positions dealing with issues from academic to student affairs.

"What you experience doesn't happen by accident," Bresciani said, describing the effort needed to be a college administrator.

Before taking questions, Bresciani praised the College's academics and engagement in the community.

"William and Mary is what most universities wish they could be," he said, citing undergraduate research, the close community and the benefits of operating in a small town.

Bresciani went on to stress the importance of the College's influence when asked about the three-person rule.

"Without the College of William and Mary, there would be no Williamsburg," he said. "There would be a Colonial Williamsburg, but the town would fall apart. That's not an overstatement."

From his observations of other similar communities, Bresciani said the three-person

rule doesn't work, is non-enforceable, and is used to boost the constituency of politicians.

"They want the benefit here but not the responsibility," he said.

The students present asked Bresciani about topics ranging from incorporating caucasian students into a multicultural community to supporting Greek life on campus.

Bresciani said that discussing controversial issues like race is one of the reasons that universities exist, and offered strong praise for Greek organizations. Overall, he said his most important job would be to make himself easily accessible to students.

Bresciani expressed disappointment in not having met Sadler. When asked about the former VPSA after the student forum, he spoke highly of the well-known College alumnus.

"I am embarrassed I don't know him," he said. "Robert Gates speaks highly of him. I had a very close relationship with Gates at A&M. William and Mary did good with that one."

Ambler sends e-mail detailing assault

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said. "After they found out that they weren't going to get us to hit them, they started hitting us. They were shoving everyone and followed us down the path through the lodges."

As soon as the police arrived, the assailants fled the scene.

Interim Vice President for Student Affairs Ginger Ambler '88 Ph.D. '06 sent an e-mail about the incident to the College community Monday evening.

"While an incident like this is not common at William and Mary, it does serve as a powerful reminder of the need for vigilance, particularly late

at night," Ambler said in the e-mail.

While Ambler's e-mail cited attempted robbery, eyewitnesses reported that assault and intimidation appeared to be the crime's primary motives. According to Henderson, one of the assailants picked up a student's bag containing Wawa food, but later relinquished it.

The investigation of the incident is still ongoing, and the William and Mary Police Department has contacted several of the victims.

According to Henderson, Rydin has been asked to describe the assailants to a sketch artist.

The police also took the chair from the Grind to check

for fingerprints.

The police department could not be reached for comment.

"I guess every year you always see those one or two e-mails that let you know that this isn't obviously a perfect impenetrable campus," Rydin said. "It has made me a little more wary of traveling places alone. I can't imagine what would have happened if this had happened to just two people walking back from Wawa."

According to Henderson, one of the responding officers said that there has been a recent influx of on-campus incidents similar to the assault.

College Spokesman Brian Whitson had no information on any other incidents at the time

of publication.

Campus Police have already started informing the College community of the incident.

Four officers presented campus safety tips at the regular meeting of Kappa Delta Sorority Monday and mentioned the incident to the group.

"They came to talk to us about keeping safe on campus," Emily Miller '11, a member of Kappa Delta, said. "They talked about some people who didn't go to school here following some students and eventually fighting with them, just telling us to be careful."

Editor's Note: Andy Henderson '10 is The Flat Hat Editorial Writer and Maya Horowitz '10 is The Flat Hat Sex Columnist.

Panel members address foreign policy’s impact on security

Humanitarian efforts ranging from international aid to student activism discussed

By CHRIS ROWEKAMP
The Flat Hat

A three-person panel discussed global poverty and recommended American foreign policy responses to



CAITLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT
The panel of three addressed interrelated topics ranging from humanitarian crises and student community service to American foreign policy and global terrorism.

world humanitarian crises and security concerns Monday evening at the Williamsburg Regional Library Theater. The panel included U.S. Rep. Rob Wittman (R-VA 1), ONE Senior Manager for Field Training and

Development Matthew Bartlett and College of William and Mary student Christian Peratsakis '09.

ONE, a grassroots organization focused on lobbying and fundraising to fight poverty, hunger, AIDS and other humanitarian crises worldwide, hosted the event. International relations professor Michael Tierney '87 moderated the discussion.

Wittman connected these issues to his work in the House of Representatives by explaining that the prevention of poverty, hunger, AIDS and other humanitarian crises is a security issue integrally related to issues he faces on both the Armed Services Committee and the Committee on Natural Resources.

“We need to help maintain a situation where they have food, water and shelter,” Wittman said. “And then the other aspects of the government of that country can take place in a very orderly fashion.”

This can also inhibit the development of international terrorism, Wittman added.

“If you [create strong economies], you create much less of an atmosphere for instability for groups that profess extreme viewpoints about how to deal with today’s world,” Wittman said.

The congressman said America’s

approach to international security needs to utilize not only military presence, but also development and diplomacy efforts.

“There has to be an element of what’s called smart power, or soft power, and that is making sure that not only do we have a military unit there, [but also] somebody there from the Department of State working on the diplomacy side, and somebody there from USAID working on the development side,” Wittman said. “The three-legged stool of defense, diplomacy and development is critical in today’s world. You can’t have one without the others.”

Congress needs to make some tough decisions about how to fund these humanitarian efforts practically, Wittman said. With a growing national debt (currently about \$11 trillion), the United States should not spend carelessly, but should instead set priorities and act on them.

Bartlett brought up the money-saving potential of spending on diplomacy and development.

“We’re helping to prevent fires as opposed to putting them out,” Bartlett said. “That is foreign policy that is cheap as well.”

To prevent anti-American sentiment, Wittman emphasized that the

United States must not behave as an occupying force.

“We have to work hand-in-hand with countries to develop stable infrastructure and stable economy,” Wittman said. “We should be there to help sand up those efforts and then back off.”

After Wittman’s speech, Bartlett outlined ONE’s mission and its recent efforts, including the ONE Vote '08 initiative and ONE’s lobbying efforts in Congress.

Bartlett was optimistic about ONE’s efforts to promote global humanitarian efforts, applauding the willingness of politicians on both sides of the aisle to get involved. When it comes to humanitarian aid, Bartlett said people can “forget the ideologies.”

Peratsakis brought a student’s perspective to the dialogue, pointing out that the student body at the College is very active in promoting humanitarian causes.

“Last year 323,000 hours of community service were done by William and Mary students in the Williamsburg area,” Peratsakis said.

Student involvement is crucial to the long-term viability of humanitarian efforts, he added.

“We dictate how the future will be addressed, [and] how we will address it,” Peratsakis said.

Service trip canceled due to drug violence

State department alert prompts student leaders to call off Project Mexico May

By FELICIA TSUNG
Flat Hat Staff Writer

The Project Mexico team expected to spend part of May in Reynosa, Mexico, until escalating violence forced them to cancel their plans. The group’s earlier trip to Reynosa called Project Mexico Spring Break, was also cancelled just a week and a half before the members’ departure as the result of a crime wave in the region that has been tied to Mexico’s increasingly vicious drug cartels.

According to Project Mexico May leaders Jenna Ogden '10 and James Page '11, the purpose of the trip was to focus on improving the housing situation in Reynosa, a city located close to the U.S. - Mexico border, through its partnership with the non-governmental organization Faith Ministries Church International.

Office of Student Volunteer Services assistant director Melody Porter had planned to go with Project Mexico May to Reynosa.

“It is very disappointing; however, the thing that strikes me the most is what a tragedy it is for the people living there,” Porter said. “Here, we can move on and find other ways to serve. They, on the other hand, are faced with this very scary violence.”

The status of Project Mexico for next year remains uncertain. The OSVS said it will not

travel to that region of Mexico until the travel alert issued by the U.S. Department of State is lifted.

Project Mexico Spring Break, led this year by Lisa Pin '09 and Kaitlin Gonzales '09, was also cancelled.

“It is really unfortunate that the trip was cancelled this year,” Pin said. “Project Mexico is a great service trip. We developed a really good relationship between the students here and the people, and we don’t want this organization to end.”

Aware of the violence in other areas of Mexico in previous years, OSVS had kept a close eye on newspaper articles from the region. Reynosa seemed safe until late February when reports of shootings began to appear in the city.

“There was a significant amount of violence in Reynosa, as well as the area we would be traveling through to get there,” Gonzales said. “Additionally, when we talked with our contacts in the area, we were told that civilians had been hurt in the crossfire.”

According to OSVS Director Drew Stelljes, the office always monitors the regions where service groups travel. The travel alert issued by the U.S. Department of State raised a red flag for Project Mexico.

“If a country [or] region is listed on the travel warning by the U.S. Department of

State, students may not travel to the area as part of any university-sponsored service trip,” Stelljes said.

The organization leaders ultimately made the decision to cancel the trip citing the group’s safety as their utmost concern.

“Having been on this trip several times I am intimately aware of the mutually beneficial opportunity that this trip provides,” Stelljes said. “However, we will not put students or faculty in harm’s way.”

For Pin, the decision to cancel the trip was very difficult to make. She described feeling disappointed and frustrated, especially since she had developed a relationship with the community in Reynosa during last year’s trip.

“One of the ladies I met there said I was like her daughter, and I could come and stay in their home any time with them. I definitely bonded with them,” Pin said. “I wanted to be leader this year so I could go back and see them again.”

The team had also raised thousands of dollars for the trip, holding several fundraisers throughout the school year. Money that had been sent to Faith Ministries could not be returned and instead served as the students’ donation for the year. Pin and Gonzales are still working to get reimbursements for the team’s travel expenses.

Rezoning bid faces strong opposition

Gleiser says petition approval unlikely

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Commission, which can reject requests that it does not deem to be viable.

Should they choose to review the petition, the Planning Commission would research the matter extensively, ultimately delivering a positive or negative recommendation to the city council, which has final say in whether or not any request is implemented.

According to Gleiser, if the city of Newport News receives the petition by April 17, the petition will go before the Planning Commission in late May or early June. The Planning Commission would then issue its recommendation on the matter at its July meeting.

Gleiser is doubtful about the zoning petition’s chances for success — the city’s recently

updated “master plan” calls for the land to retain its current zoning designation.

“To be very frank, the plan was just adopted,” Gleiser said. “It was a five-year process that involved citizen input, and the citizens were very clear that they didn’t want anything else but research and development on that site.”

He cautioned that the Planning Commission — even if it considers the rezoning request — is unlikely to support the proposed change.

“I don’t think that there is going to be a positive recommendation,” Gleiser said. “The citizens did not see the need for more retail or apartments in that particular area.”

Gleiser said that the city of Newport News has not yet received any petition to rezone the land.

Conservative crowd rallies against government spending

College Republicans invite politicians to speak at grassroots event

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government spending.

“On this one we are with the [College Republicans] one-hundred percent, and with a campus coalition we are ready to fight this battle,” Young said.

Allusions to the American Revolution and the Founding Fathers developed a clear motif for the event.

“These tea parties are in many ways protests against taxation without representation,” Chappell

said. “The vast majority of people that will be forced to pay for all the bailouts, stimuli and big government programs are not represented in Washington. Most of the people that will be forced to foot the bill are not even born yet. If that is not taxation without representation, I don’t know what is.”

Janis’s speech invoked Patrick Henry’s historic arrival in Williamsburg to protest the Stamp Acts. He also recited parts of Thomas Jefferson’s first Inaugural Address.

Other speakers also alluded to Jeffersonian principles. Murray said that the reality of Lincoln’s famous mantra from the Gettysburg Address has been twisted into “a government of the bureaucrats, by the bureaucrats and for the bureaucrats.”

Murray promoted boycotting banks and insurance companies that receive bailout money in order to “stop government socialism and crony capitalism.”

Wittman spoke last, reiterating Janis’s allusions to the injustice of the Stamp Act and calling Washington “thirty miles of fantasy land surrounded by reality.”

The crowd booed when speakers mentioned Democratic leaders such as Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, Nevada Sen. Harry Reid, Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine and Massachusetts Congressman Barney Frank.

Some held signs reading, “Obama! I’ll pay the taxes, you keep ‘the change,’” and “Repent America! Maybe it’s not too late!” Attendees also bought buttons bearing President Barack Obama’s face with the words “Welcome back, Carter” and waved “Don’t Tread on Me” flags.

“The speakers definitely knew how to get the crowd going,” Will Clements ’11, a member of the

College Republicans, said.

Amanda Russell ’11, another College Republicans member, said that it was not exactly a nonpartisan turnout, but she was excited to see so much passion surrounding a conservative event.

“For once, you know, the Republicans get to protest,” Russell said.

Audience enthusiasm translated into further activism as attendees filled out hundreds of postcards with teabags printed on them to send to politicians like Obama, Virginia Sen. Mark Warner and Wittman.

The Americans for Fair Taxation added over 100 people to their mailing list according to an e-mail from Chappell. Other attendees were able to register to vote at another stand, which Pogge described as a means to

“register like-minded people.”

The organizers of the event were thrilled with its success. According to Chappell, the Tea Party was the most-attended activity hosted by the College Republicans in recent memory. Despite the cold rain, only about half of the original crowd left due to the weather.

“It is rare when politicians are this accessible, but I think the event provided an appropriate forum for our elected leaders to touch base with their grassroots in an informal setting, which is exactly what we are looking for,” Chappell said. “It’s one thing to have a rally just to complain and protest, but it’s so much more effective if we can turn our frustration into action by telling our elected leaders how we feel in person.”



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Attendees were able to register to vote at one of several stands at the event.

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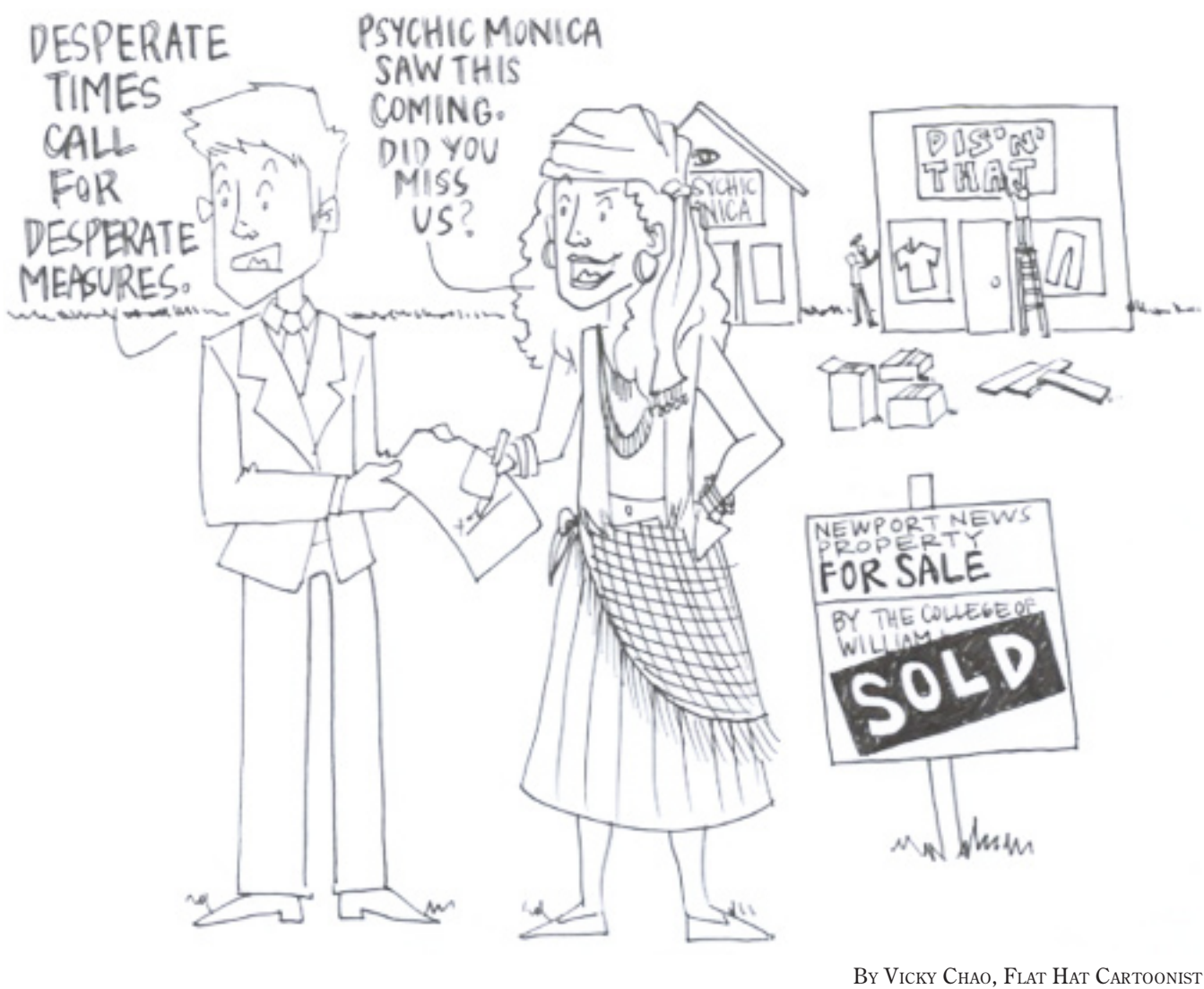
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Tea Party for America needs to cool off

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For a registered Democrat, the College Republicans' recent "Tea Party for America" is a fascinating anomaly after a year at the College of William and Mary that was marked by President Barack Obama support T-shirts and posters taped to dorm-room windows. The event, held Sunday in the Crim Dell meadow, attracted around 500 people and featured addresses by U.S. Rep. Rob Wittman (VA-1) and Virginia Delegates Brenda Pogge (R-James City) and Bill Janis (R-Glen Allen), among others.

The College Republicans' efforts are laudable. Staging an event that draws almost 500 people and appeals equally to students and residents is no small task, regardless of the cause. Despite this, the location and message of the event are inescapably incongruous — a protest against government spending, on the grounds of a public college campus desperately in need of a handout.

Those gathered attempted to evoke the Boston Tea Party as an analogy for taxation without representation. Participants in the 1773 protest opposed the actions of a distant colonial power. In contrast, College Republicans Chairman Thomas Chapell '11 argued that unborn citizens will suffer from taxation without representation, a position that twists the Jeffersonian principles the College Republicans claim to protect. Prioritizing people yet to be born above the millions saving for retirement or in need of health insurance is irresponsible and dangerous. Without the boosts to education and healthcare programs the bailout aims to provide, our children will be worse off anyway.

In addition to abusing the spirit of the Boston Tea

Party, the event inappropriately invoked the Gettysburg Address. Active duty Naval Officer Stephen Murray J.D. '11 claimed that Abraham Lincoln's famous words in the Gettysburg Address have mutated into a "government of the bureaucrats, by the bureaucrats, for the bureaucrats." This statement merely puts words into Lincoln's mouth and mischaracterizes how our government actually works. Not all citizens can come to Washington to express their views on education, Social Security, Medicare or other important issues, nor could any one person possess the knowledge to make decisions on these issues for an entire country. Our bureaucracy serves this purpose.

Criticizing the bureaucracy becomes a crutch for Republicans, or anyone else, that allows them to deny that someone else could be more knowledgeable about a specific subject. In reality, policy areas such as healthcare and environmental policy are dependent upon the research and opinion of experts. By consenting to participate in a

representative democracy, we concede our right to directly make or undo policy and place our faith in the ability of elected officials and the experts they employ. While I would argue that it is a citizen's duty to criticize the specific decisions of bureaucracy, getting the government out of the way completely would also mean ignoring the education and research of people who dedicate their lives to public service.

If we are returning to the principles of free enterprise, should we abolish government programs like the postal service or Amtrak while we're at it? Making hundreds of College students trek down Route 64 to get home is probably not what the speakers of this event have in mind. Any idea, whether from a Democrat or Republican, must be tempered with a dose of realism. Realistically, the changes the College Republicans advocate to improve government ignore the people, for whom government was formed.

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The men and women in the purple shirts are not happy. The Senior Gift Committee is struggling: The initial goal was for 80 percent of the senior class to donate to the gift, but the current level of participation is sitting at just over 40 percent. Pledges to the committee — which can be donated to a variety of sub-institutions at the College of William and Mary, on behalf of faculty members or administrators as well as students — are due by Blowout at the latest. The possibility of catching the previous two graduating classes, who each boasted 60 percent participation, now seems elusive.

What's wrong here? I've heard some complaints about the color selection that the committee made last fall, but I think that anyone who would withhold funding because of their passionate hatred for the color purple should probably save their money for mental institutions or barbiturates.

The biggest problem, as members of the committee will tell you, is timing.

It's already a tough job to convince seniors uncertain of their futures to open their wallets before they have even graduated. It becomes considerably more difficult when nobody has jobs or future plans. Another issue is the relatively low level of giving among Greeks, who are typically some of the biggest donors and represent approximately 30 percent of the senior class. Of the class of 2009, only a third of them have pledged. It's even uglier when you restrict those numbers to the fraternities residing in the Units. Among the chapters who will no longer be on campus next year, the average percentage of giving among each fraternity's senior class is 25 percent. Of those that are staying, it's 23. I'm not going to get into why this is the case because it's about as universally known as the location of the Sadler Center. One major problem that often goes unmentioned in the discourse is the unfortunate fact that the Senior Gift, by emphasizing different "levels of leadership" — i.e. giving a certain amount of money to become members of this circle or that circle — creates a sort of hierarchy where those who can afford to give more have access to additional benefits, while those who

cannot are shut out from certain events. For instance, seniors who have pledged at "leadership levels" of 109 dollars or more per year for two years are invited to a year-end champagne reception where the president traditionally gives a toast. The Senior Class Gift Program's website offers the following explanation: "If you have pledged, but at a lower level, consider increasing your pledge to the leadership level so you can attend this important event and make a difference for your class gift." I understand the principle behind creating different leadership levels and having events for only certain members during the years following graduation. But for the remainder of this year, it makes little sense to me to restrict these events to those who have pledged a certain amount. Particularly in light of the economy, those without secure jobs or those who may not be entering especially lucrative industries should not feel that they are somehow not making a difference for the class gift and the College because of their inability to pledge what they see as large sums of money. The committee should abandon this policy and make all events open to seniors who have pledged, regardless of the sum.

STAFF EDITORIAL

Admissions go up, again

Every year at around this time, the admissions numbers for the incoming freshman class are released and we give our thumbs up or thumbs down, as appropriate. Last year, we ran this opinion under the headline, "Admit rate disappoints," arguing that although the admitted pool of students had the potential to become the most talented and diverse the College of William and Mary had yet seen, it also left much room for improvement in other areas. We are disappointed to have to echo this sentiment now. We have again admitted an excellent group of students with great potential and strengths, but the College continues to give ground in key areas.

First, the good. The Class of 2013 could continue the College's trend toward promoting diversity by becoming the most diverse entering class in the College's history. This year, 26 percent of accepted students are minorities, and while that rate is lower than last year's, in absolute statistical terms more students of color have been accepted this year than ever before. Accepted students attended high school in as many as 30 countries, and we are sure that they will bring interesting viewpoints, experiences and backgrounds to the College.

After two years of stagnating SAT scores, this accepted pool shows a small but significant increase, from 1310-1470 to 1330-1480 in its mid-fiftieth percentile averages. High numbers like these are of course nothing to sneeze at, and they do place us in the top tier of American universities. When the students who make up this stronger range matriculate, we look forward to seeing the bright class they will form.

Additionally, 86 percent of students are from the top 10 percent of graduating classes of schools that rank students.

But then, there's the bad. Over the last two years alone, the College has seen an 11 percent rise in applications with no corresponding decrease in the acceptance rate. This rate is currently pegged at 33 percent and will likely drift to 35 percent by the time waitlisted students are admitted. This means that although the College has been becoming more selective up until a few years ago, this trend appears to have ended. Again this year the Admissions Department is betting against the College, admitting more students for the same spaces in order to prepare for fewer matriculations.

This is a problem, and to be fair, the cards are stacked against the College. Our already-meager endowment took a significant hit this year, meaning that we lag behind our peers in our ability to provide the merit-based financial aid that will attract more competitive applicants. We renew our obligatory call for the College to patch our wounded endowment. Reversing this trend is essential and is only possible with ample funding.

The staff editorial represents the opinion of The Flat Hat. The editorial board, which is elected by The Flat Hat's section editors and executive staff, consists of Miles Hilder, Sam Sutton, Mike Crump, Matt Poms and Andy Henderson.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Amnesty policy improves safety To the Editor:

The April 7 Flat Hat column, "Drug Policy Lags Behind Proposed Amnesty," claimed that the proposed substance medical amnesty policy moving through the administration "ends up endangering students more than it helps them" by promoting the use of more dangerous drugs. This policy does nothing of the sort.

Several other schools around the country have enacted similar policies with great success. No school has reported an increase in drug use connected to enacting such a policy. The policy does not provide a cover for student drug use; it assures the drug user's friend that he or she should call

911. This policy actually highlights the dangers of these harder substances by acknowledging that their abuse may be life-threatening.

Furthermore, a student who has overdosed and has to be rushed to the hospital to save his or her life does not walk away with any consequences, as was indicated in last week's article. They still must meet with the dean of students and must take steps similar to the alcohol medical amnesty policy to address their substance abuse.

This policy merely acknowledges that students in a life-or-death situation shouldn't have to worry about student conduct violations, suspension, expulsion or acceptance to graduate schools.

— Alex Leach '10

Division, discontent and dwindling funds discourage senior donations

It also disappoints and even angers me that people, especially Greeks, would withhold pledging simply because they are upset with certain aspects of College policy. Even the harshest critic of one policy or the other should recognize that there is a lot to give back to this place. If Greeks are frustrated with anti-Greek policies, they should give to the College of Arts and Sciences, the Mason School of Business or to an academic department where the money will be put to better use. There is still time left, and I'm optimistic that a minimum of 60 percent participation will be reached. Committee members and others should work rigorously over the coming weeks to make sure that friends pledge, even if it

just a small donation. Ties to freshmen halls, which are one of the few things that bind students to another group of students for four full years, should be fully integrated into the committee's strategy. The committee members should visit student organizations, send out extra e-mails, host even more events with free alcohol, and emphasize the variety of places where gifts can contribute to the well-being of the campus in the future. It might help if angry frat boys could give directly to their organizations like others can, but I don't have much faith in the flexibility of the College's bureaucracy in order for that loophole to be closed.

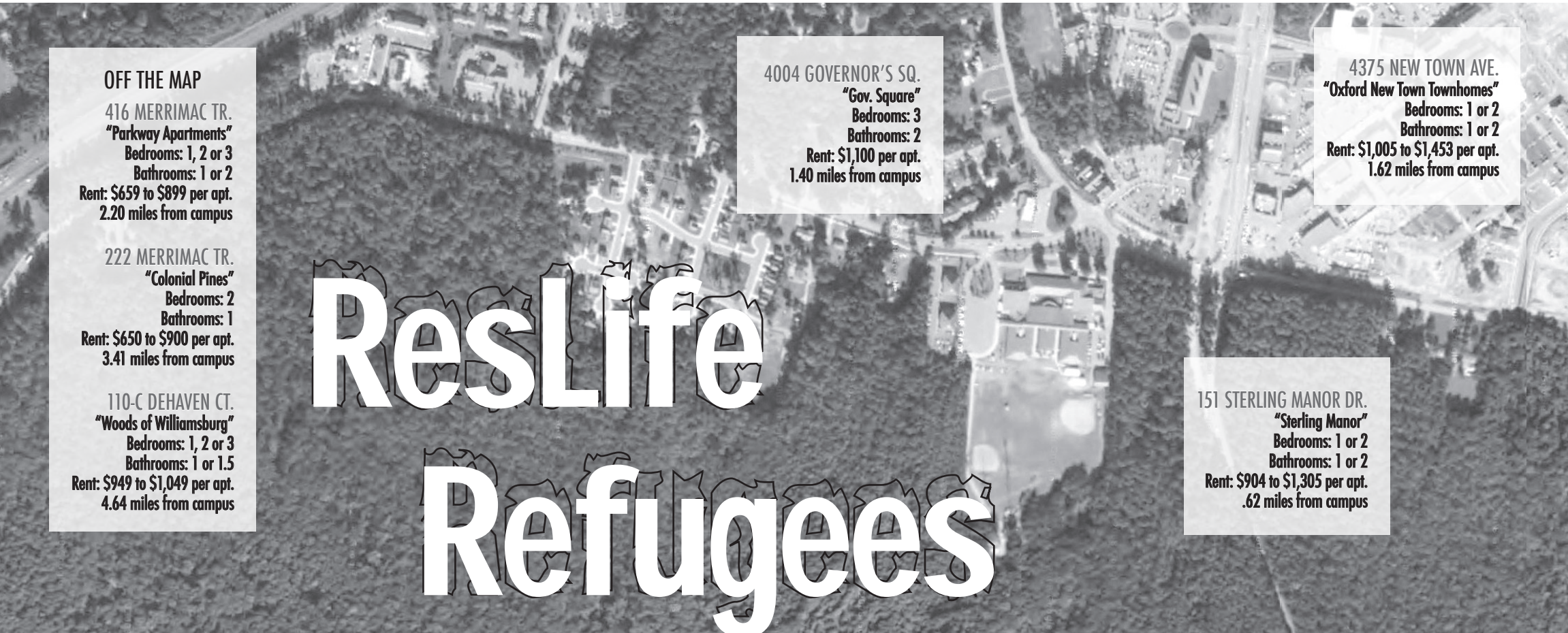
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ResLife Refugees

Bumped students discuss troubles finding on-campus housing

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“[I’m] not happy with it at all. I was very angry when I was bumped,” Kate Boretsky ’11 said. “I’m from out-of-state, so I’m paying a lot of money to go here, and I don’t think it’s right they don’t provide housing for everyone.”

It happens every year — a select number of students are left worried, frustrated and dorm-less. Due to the lack of on-campus housing, 388 students this year were forced to look elsewhere for living arrangements. Boretsky was one of 220 girls bumped from the 2009-2010 room selection process. Upon receiving her lottery number over spring break, Boretsky started making alternative housing plans.

“I was the last sophomore time slot,” she said. “So I knew I was going to be bumped.”

Without the guarantee of on-campus housing, she began to look elsewhere. Her search for off-campus housing started and ended on Richmond Road.

“When I found out that I was bumped, I was looking on Richmond Road to see if there were any apartments,” she said. “I didn’t want to live off campus because I would never come to class.”

At 517 Richmond Rd., Boretsky stumbled upon the five-bedroom Fairsted Bed and Breakfast. “I showed it to my mom and she said it was a really good price,” she said. “It’s really big, and it’s so close to campus. We would keep renting it back to students.”

Though the colonial brick residence

seemed perfect, Boretsky said her plans were thwarted by the City of Williamsburg’s three-person rule.

“It was registered as a bed and breakfast, and we had this sneaky plan of registering people as guests, but we didn’t want to do anything illegal,” she said. With the price of \$600,000, Boretsky’s family would need to fill the house with eight people in order to make the purchase profitable. Finally after two weeks of planning the purchase, Boretsky and her mother decided not to buy the house.

Boretsky was originally planning on living in a Landrum-attic overcrowd, but was recently reinstated. She now plans to live in a double-occupancy room in Landrum.

“My roommate was also bumped, but she was number 17 so she got reinstated the second day,” she said. “I was so glad that I had good friends that were willing to do an overcrowd with me.”

Becca Easter ’12 also looked for an overcrowd when she was bumped.

“The overcrowd fell through, though,” she said. “The girl that I was going to room with understandably didn’t want to live in an overcrowd, and I couldn’t find enough other people.”

After a brief housing search on Richmond Road, Easter decided to wait for reinstatement.

“I was told that everybody who waits to be reinstated will eventually be reinstated,” she said. “There aren’t really any other options ... I really don’t like the situation.”

Even though the waiting for reinstatement

can be nerve-racking at times, Residence Life assures students they are doing all they can to reinstate those who are patient.

“Ideally, [the bumped students] will all be reinstated,” Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Director of Housing Deb Boykin said. “Everyone that stays in the process eventually gets housing. All of the men last year were housed by the end of June [and] the last woman was housed [the] first week of July.”

Despite their reinstatement, most bumped students complain of having last pick of housing and uncertain futures.

“I hate not knowing where I am going to live next year, and I don’t like the idea that I have to simply accept wherever they give me,” Easter said. “I’m also upset that I don’t get to pick my roommate.”

Bumped students may face uncertainty when it comes to housing, but transfer students tend to feel the brunt of the housing shortage.

“[Transfer students] are the ones who will have the least options,” Boykin said. “We save 50 spaces for transfers, so at least 50 will receive housing.”

Considering that the transfer class each fall ranges from 150 to 200 students, the reserved spaces serve as little more than a token display for them.

Non-traditional students and students who have already started families also suffer due to the lack of housing. ResLife set aside four apartments in the Ludwell complex for students with families. In an effort to provide more spaces for bumped students,

the contracts for these apartments will not be renewed.

“We are doing away with family housing,” Boykin said. “The families that currently live there will be able to stay as long as they are students and they want the apartments. As they open up we are converting them to undergraduate housing.”

Freeing up the family housing is just one of the steps ResLife is taking to alleviate tension caused by the housing shortage for the coming years.

ResLife has engaged in talks with Colonial Williamsburg officials about the possibility of housing students in the Governor’s Inn.

“The hotel is operated by Colonial Williamsburg. [The College] has used it before when we need emergency housing,” Boykin said.

The College is looking to increase the number of dorms to improve the on-campus housing situation.

“In future years, we’re looking at some new construction,” Boykin said. “We’re still in discussion about that right now and we’re planning an apartment complex that will house 55 students near Wawa on Richmond Road.”

In the meantime, bumped students will have to wait for reinstatement to get housing. As of press time, 161 students are still waiting to be reinstated.

“This is our least favorite time of year. We don’t like doing this,” Boykin said. “Our priority as of now [is to] work closely with everyone who’s been bumped.”

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222 MERRIMAC TR.
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3.41 miles from campus

110-C DEHAVEN CT.
“Woods of Williamsburg”
Bedrooms: 1, 2 or 3
Bathrooms: 1 or 1.5
Rent: \$949 to \$1,049 per apt.
4.64 miles from campus

4004 GOVERNOR’S SQ.
“Gov. Square”
Bedrooms: 3
Bathrooms: 2
Rent: \$1,100 per apt.
1.40 miles from campus

4375 NEW TOWN AVE.
“Oxford New Town Townhomes”
Bedrooms: 1 or 2
Bathrooms: 1 or 2
Rent: \$1,005 to \$1,453 per apt.
1.62 miles from campus

151 STERLING MANOR DR.
“Sterling Manor”
Bedrooms: 1 or 2
Bathrooms: 1 or 2
Rent: \$904 to \$1,305 per apt.
.62 miles from campus

114 GRIFFIN AVE.
“The Griff”
Bedrooms: 3
Bathrooms: 1
Rent: \$1,400
.04 miles from campus

708 WYTHE LN.
“Thugz Mansion”
Bedrooms: 3
Bathrooms: 2.5
Rent: \$1,500
.08 miles from campus

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Bathrooms: 3
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.04 miles from campus

333 RICHMOND RD.
“333”
Bedrooms: 2 per apt.; 8 total
Bathrooms: 1 per apt.; 4 total
Rent: \$1,170 per apartment
.08 miles from campus

206 NELSON AVE.
“206”
Bedrooms: 6
Bathrooms: 1 full; 3 half
Rent: \$3,500
.25 miles from campus

732 SCOTLAND ST.
“King and Queens”
Bedrooms: 1
Bathrooms: 1
Rent: \$940 to \$980 per apt.
.08 miles from campus

429 PRINCE GEORGE ST.
“Sacalis Building”
Bedrooms: 2
Bathrooms: 1
Rent: \$1,100
.16 miles from campus

307 S. BOUNDARY ST.
“Trash Mountain”
Bedrooms: 5
Bathrooms: 2
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THIS OVERHEAD IMAGE OF WILLIAMSBURG INCLUDES INFORMATION ON POPULAR OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING CHOICES. EACH BOX CORRESPONDS TO THE RESIDENCE’S LOCATION.

— Housing information compiled by Virginia Butler, Mike Crump and Rachel Rudebusch

Campus groups raise sexual assault awareness

Week-long event covers consent issues, closes with candlelight vigil

By **KELLY McEVOY**
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Last week a large banner hung in the Sadler Center scrawled with anonymous messages from students: “Live again, love again, believe again, hope again.” “Change can happen. Everyone can help,” “Move from surviving to thriving,” “It’s never the survivor’s fault. Love yourself.” This banner was the Hope Wall, a space where survivors of sexual assault could share their perspectives on their experiences.

The display of the Hope Wall marked the beginning of this year’s Sexual Assault Awareness Week. The entire week, themed “Consent is Sexy,” was coordinated by sexual assault awareness groups at the College of William and Mary.

Student Intern of the Office of Sexual Assault Services Erin Houston ’09, played a large role in organizing the events and planned Take Back the Night, the nation-wide event that ended the week’s programs. As a member of Every Two Minutes, Houston used her experience discussing issues relating to sexual assault awareness to the event.

“Sexual assault is such an important topic to discuss with students because our society’s ideas about the issue are so distorted,” Houston said. “The more we talk about it on our campus, the more people learn, and the more it can be prevented.”

The week started with the Open Survivor Meeting April 5, where students gathered to discuss their experiences with sexual assault. Counselors and members of Sexual Assault Peer Advocates were present to provide support and share

resources relating to sexual assault services. After the meeting, students had the opportunity to sign the Hope Wall.

“The Open Survivor Meeting was intended to provide an open space to talk about [students’] experiences and find resources that would be helpful in dealing with sexual assault,” Houston said.

According to Houston, the Counseling Center, the Dean of Students Office, the William and Mary Police Department, the Student Health Center and the sexual assault page on the College’s website are all resources available to students with concerns relating to sexual assault.

“Something that is important to understand about our community is that it is a great space to seek help for yourself without having to make a full report or press student conduct or legal charges,” Houston said.

Throughout the week, several other programs were offered, including a panel on dating after sexual assault.

“The Dating a Survivor panel was meant to reach out to different students who either have experienced sexual assault or those who are dating or intending to date a survivor. We spoke a great deal about what the barriers are and ways in which partners and survivors can work together to overcome those barriers,” Houston said.

Sexual assault prevention groups Every Two Minutes and One in Four gave presentations to allow students to view the opposite sex’s extended orientation programs.

A co-ed discussion on consent took place on April 8 in the Sadler Center. The discussion was focused on how couples can better communicate when giving

and receiving consent. The meeting opened with a humorous scene from the film “Knocked Up,” which was used to show the miscommunications that can occur between two people concerning sex, especially when alcohol is involved. Following the clip, viewers discussed the definition of consent and its importance in reducing sexual assault.

“[The program] was intended to get people talking more,” Houston said. “As a prevention program, we tried to show how communication not only can lead to mutual respect and a decrease in sexual assault, but also tried to explain a little more how the lines are blurred so often with alcohol on a college setting.”

Students filled Tucker Theater Thursday night for Take Back the Night, which featured a series of student

readings relating to their experiences with sexual assault. Banners created by various sororities and fraternities adorned the theater walls. A candlelight vigil in the Sunken Garden followed the readings.

“Every reading and speech that was given came directly from students on our campus,” Houston said. “The goals were to raise awareness to the ways in which sexual assault affects our community here at William and Mary and to provide an empowering space for people to speak out.”

While the readings were moving for many in the audience, the majority of emotions and tears flowed during the vigil. Many students stepped forward from the crowd to share their feelings.

Every Two Minutes member Carolyn DiProspero ’10 said that she

was touched by the turnout and the response at the vigil.

“Sometimes being an educator you kind of have to take the emotional side out of it almost just to be able to talk about [sexual assault],” DiProspero said. “But to see the emotional side of sexual assault and see the marks that these events leave behind was very touching.”

DiProspero said she believed that the programs and events of SAAW were a success, and that students who attended increased their awareness of the issues surrounding sexual assault and the resources available to students at the College.

“[SAAW] was a very powerful experience,” DiProspero said. “And one that I was very glad that I got to experience.”



RACHEL PATTERSON — THE FLAT HAT
Take Back the Night was held last week as part of Sexual Assault Awareness Week. It ended with a candlelight vigil in the Sunken Garden.

Student donates bone marrow through drive

By **ALEX GUILLÉN**
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A simple cheek swab could be a College of William and Mary student’s first step toward saving a life.

Students will have a chance to register their bone marrow type at the 18th Annual Alan Bukzin Memorial Bone Marrow Drive, which takes place tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Sadler Center Chesapeake A.

Each year the drive registers hundreds of students and community members with the National Marrow Donor Program’s Registry to potentially donate bone marrow and save a life.

“Honestly, it takes about 15 minutes of your time, and all you have to do is give a cheek swab and fill out some paperwork right now, and it keeps you in the registry until you’re 60,” organizer Julia Pentz ’09 said. “Down the road, who knows where you’re going to be in life? You could end up being a match for someone’s child who has leukemia or some young person in college or someone’s grandmother even.”

Students can register by giving a cheek swab, which is then tested for marrow type and entered into the national registry.

Each swab registration costs \$52. Organizers of the drive have been raising money all year through fundraising events such as the Mr. William and Mary Pageant, a Charter Day gala and a golf tournament.

Organizers of this year’s drive hopes to register 1,000 people, a goal Pentz said is attainable yet ambitious.

“Between the drive that we held in Staunton,

Va. in February and this drive, and the drive at the law school and the community drive in Williamsburg, we stand a chance of getting close to that goal,” Pentz said.

The February 12 drive registered 70 people, according to Pentz. The law school drive takes place tomorrow, and the community drive takes place Saturday.

Hoping to register a substantial number of minorities who are underrepresented in the national registry, organizers have been visiting campus minority groups about donations.

Many students have been matched as compatible donors through past drives — six students were matched and three donated marrow in the last year, according to event organizers.

Evan Brown ’09 was one such student. After registering in 2006, he was identified in October 2007 as a match for a 67-year-old man with acute myelogenous leukemia.

Doctors performed more tests and confirmed Brown as the best match for the patient. Brown agreed to donate his marrow in November 2007.

Although marrow is sometimes extracted through the pelvis or other bones, for Brown the doctors decided to perform a less invasive procedure called a peripheral blood stem cell donation. The procedure involves a week of injections that make the marrow’s useful components enter the bloodstream. Brown’s entire supply of blood was then run through a machine that extracted the important matter and returned the blood to his body.

“The injections were kind of painful leading up to it, but the actual procedure wasn’t that bad, and then within a day or two I felt fine,” Brown said.

Brown was contacted again last summer for another donation for the man, but the patient’s condition deteriorated to the point when doctors felt a transplant would not be worthwhile. Brown said he heard that the man died earlier this year.

“It’s pretty incredible that just by going down to a simple drive registration I helped at least extend this guy’s life,” he said. “I’m really happy that we have our drive on this campus because I never ever would have gotten involved with something like this if a friend hadn’t told me to go get registered.”

Brown also noted that the College is recognized in the bone marrow transplant community for its high levels of participation.

“Every step of the way, doctors and nurses told me how many William and Mary people they deal with because our drive is so successful,” Brown said. “In this sort of tiny niche medical community of bone marrow donations, William and Mary is really considered a leader. So that makes me really proud to go to a school where that’s our reputation.”



MARAL NOORI-MOGHADDAM — THE FLAT HAT
Evan Brown ’09 was selected to donate bone marrow after taking part in the drive two years ago.

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Getting online and getting off

Maya Horowitz
FLAT HAT SEX COLUMNIST



Technology is a beautiful thing and has done wonders for modern sex. I love that I can Google “dildo” and get 40,500,000 hits in 0.2 seconds. Technology has allowed for even obscure sexual communities, such as furies, to find and hook up with each other. Modern-day miracles such as vibrators, porn videos, dirty websites and phone sex hotlines enable a lot of us to get off without much effort. It is very easy to be anonymous and horny with technology.

But technology does not have to be used for solo sex, and you don’t have to hook up with an anonymous stranger. In fact, A webcam can work wonders for a long-distance relationship.

So how is it done? It is possible for you to be intimate with someone who isn’t physically with you, but you have to remember there are still rules and standards for these encounters.

Here’s a scenario that I think is helpful to keep in mind when engaging in these acts: Just imagine that you and your partner are in a dark room but can’t touch each other — everything physical must be done to yourself and then described. For all technosex, except webcam sex, your partner can’t even see you; and even with a camera, you should assume that everything you’re doing is difficult to see and should be described. As a side note, actually doing this can be titillating, although you may find the no touching rule harder than you thought.

Technosex can be extremely arousing, but also daunting, if you’ve never tried it before. Many people may feel awkward enough whispering yes and grunting during actual sex. Even if you’ve had sex with your partner many times, you may feel nervous entering into this situation.

To initiate technosex, you basically have to send raunchy messages or just outright ask your partner for a virtual hookup. It’s usually easier if he or she is someone you’ve hooked up with before. I would advise against having technosex with someone you have not done the dirty with in person. You may feel awkward after technosex even with a partner, let alone with someone who was always just a friend.

One important caveat: Make sure you trust your

partner. Words said aloud usually just evaporate into the world, but online conversations and pictures may not. Decide beforehand if it’s okay to save the moment with screenshots or excerpts.

Technosex is all about using your imagination and words to create an atmosphere. To be successful, both of you should describe how you feel; what you’re doing to yourself; what you would like your partner to do to himself; and what you wish you could do if you were together. These four simple tasks will lead to a healthy long-distance encounter.

You may find yourself saying embarrassing things, but remember that self-conscious attempts don’t work in real life, and there’s no reason to expect them to be more successful in cyberspace.

Here’s some trouble-shooting advice for the technosex beginners out there:

Acronyms, misspellings and extra letters for emphasis are okay. You’re probably excited and typing quickly so some mistakes are understandable. And since it shows that you are truly enjoying yourself, a few extra letters are passable. However, messages that are incomprehensible can detract from the mood. If possible, when typing things out, write as you normally would.

Often it’s difficult to tell when a partner is genuinely aroused, so be explicit about how you’re feeling — one or two word answers just won’t cut it.

Details are turn-ons. You don’t have to describe everything, but remember that since your partner isn’t actually there, they can’t see anything you’re doing. It is therefore much better to say “I am moving my hand up and down my shaft” than to say “I’m touching it.”

It’s fine — and even encouraged — to pretend that you’re actually with the person. But it’s better to preface what you say by acknowledging the realities of your situation. So, rather than “Can I put it in you?” write “If I was there right now, I would be putting my penis into you.”

The key to the best technosex is to just go for it. Contrary to popular belief, technosex does not have to be awkward. It can be as good as the real thing if you let go of your inhibitions. It can force you to realize what most turns you on. If you find that you spend half the conversation talking about caressing her breasts, you may have just gained insight into your biggest turn-on.

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— 7 p.m. Friday on ESPN2



Sound bytes

"I don't think it's fair. It's too tricky."
— Sergio Garcia on Augusta National golf course. Garcia shot one over par Sunday to finish tied for 38th at the Masters, 13 shots behind the winner.



By the numbers

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Estimated number of pinstripes that will be on C.C. Sabathia's home jersey, according to an article on ESPN.com. Sabathia's listed weight is 290 lbs.

MEN'S TENNIS

Tribe caps off regular season with two wins



JOHN QUINN — THE FLAT HAT
Sophomore Sebastien Vidal went a combined 4-0 Sunday.

Vidal leads Tribe over Monarchs

In a rematch of last year's CAA tournament semifinal, the College beat Old Dominion University 4-3 Saturday. The Tribe swept doubles before securing the victory after sophomore Sebastien Vidal downed the Monarch's Matt Fawcett 6-2, 6-4.
"I played him last year in CAAs and beat him," Vidal said. "[I kept] a lot of balls in play... he tends to miss a lot so I kind of just took advantage of his mistakes and errors and served out the match."
The win over the Monarchs improved the College's CAA record to 3-1 on the season and ended a four-game losing streak. After sweeping the doubles matches, Vidal, senior Dominic Pagon and junior Richard Wardell registered singles victories for the Tribe.

College blows out Spartans 7-0

Led by junior Keziel Juneau, the Tribe shut out Norfolk State University for its second win Sunday. Juneau garnered victories in both the top doubles and singles slots, battling back for a 3-6, 6-4, (10-4) singles victory after dropping the first set.
"Overall it was a pretty tough match," Juneau said. "But I knew that if I was consistent enough I could come back. I changed my serve a little bit, and changed my rhythm as well."
The Tribe finished the regular season at 15-13 (3-1 CAA), while the Spartans fell to 4-7.
"We played a very emotional match in the morning and if you looked at our top two players, Juneau and [sophomore Sebastien] Vidal, they had nothing left in the tank," Head Coach Peter Daub said. "It was sheer willpower not to be defeated that got them through."



JOHN QUINN — THE FLAT HAT
Senior Keziel Juneau registered a singles victory and two doubles wins on Sunday.

CAA Tournament preview: College third seed

The Tribe heads into the CAA tournament as the third seed behind the University of North Carolina-Wilmington and no. 43 Virginia Commonwealth University.
"There is only one mentality [for CAAs] and that is to win," Head Coach Peter Daub said. "We don't have any other mentality. We are not looking to beat [just] a team, we are looking to go to the NCAA's."

The College's first-round match will pit the Tribe against James Madison University, which enters the tournament as the sixth seed. All matches are held in Norfolk, Va.
In last year's championship, the Tribe fell to the Rams 4-1 in the final round. The College has made it to the championship game six times since 1999.

College falls on the road to UNCW

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of the ballgame. But a high pitch count raises all fastballs, and on his 82nd pitch of the game Landry gave up a three-run homerun to Seahawk Robbie Monday to make the score 4-1 in the fifth.
UNCW would go on to win 8-3 and give Landry his team-leading fifth loss of the year.
"We didn't put enough hits together. He kept us in the game long enough," Leoni said. "He just gets to that point where he gets a little tired, he gets a little wild ... he walks a couple guys, then someone comes up and pops a home run off him."
Friday's lineup was never given Saturday's opportunity, as the Seahawks scored at least one run in each of the first five innings en

Check out The Flat Hat sports blog, The Press Box, at Flathatnews.com for baseball insider Jack Lambert's midseason audio report on the Tribe.

route to a 10-4 victory. Excluding sophomore lefthanded pitcher Tyler Truxell, who came in on relief in the eighth, no Tribe pitcher gave up fewer than three runs Friday night.
Senior third baseman Tyler Stampone and Nickle each had two hits, while Jones doubled down the left-field line in the fourth inning. The three seniors supplied all of the Tribe's five hits in the ballgame.
The College returns home Wednesday to take on the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore at 7 p.m.
The Hawks enter the matchup with the Tribe boasting a 10-26 record overall and an 8-4 mark in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference. First baseman Brian Chaikowsky leads UMES in hitting, batting .358 with a .493 on-base percentage.



JOHN QUINN — THE FLAT HAT
Freshman pitcher Cole Shain took the loss in Friday's 10-4 defeat.

FROM THE SIDELINES

Angel Cabrera impressively takes second major title

Jack Pollock
FLAT HAT STAFF WRITER

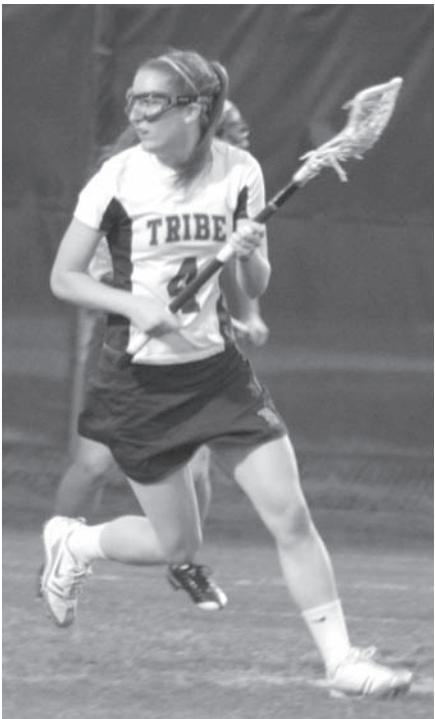


Mickelson and Tiger took center stage for much of the day, but it was self-taught Argentine Angel Cabrera who stole the show at the Masters.
In 2007, as he walked up the 18th hole at the U.S. Open with the lead, smoking a cigarette and laughing with his caddy, it was clear this was not your usual golfer.
Cabrera's rise to the top is a remarkable one. Cabrera learned the game as a caddy at the Cordoba Golf Club in Argentina. Relying on financial support from the club's members, he began playing on local tours around the country. It was not until Argentinean legend Eduardo Romero decided to take him under his wing that Cabrera was able to leave the country to play on the European Tour in 1996.
13 years later, with two majors under his belt, Angel Cabrera's life is the ultimate success story.
His performance on Sunday was no less extraordinary. Cabrera and Perry were tied for the lead at 11 under par heading into the final round. Perry, the consummate southern gentleman, and Cabrera, the former caddy, could easily be considered polar opposites, but the two found themselves neck-and-neck on the closing stretch.
Perry hung on all day before faltering with two bogeys on the final holes to finish at 12-under. Cabrera also finished at 12-under with three bogeys and four birdies. When 2008 Ryder Cup member Chad Campbell shot a closing round 69, there was a three-way tie for the lead.
After the opening tee shots of the sudden-death playoff on 18, Cabrera didn't seem to stand a chance. The 39-year-old sent his drive slicing into the right woods while Campbell and Perry split the fairway. But Cabrera battled his way back even after his second shot found another Georgia pine. After a great recovery and an 8-foot putt for par Cabrera suddenly was headed to the second playoff hole with Perry after Campbell dropped out with a bogey. Riding the momentum, Cabrera made a textbook par on the long par-four 10th hole to overtake Perry and earn his first green jacket, becoming the first South American to win multiple major tournaments in the process.
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Tribe beats CAA foes

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Sunday against George Mason University (5-7, 1-3 CAA), Golden was the more predictable hero. The sophomore netted the clinching goal with 4:46 remaining in overtime, as the Tribe inched by the Patriots 17-16.
Mason rushed out to an early 5-0 lead within the first ten minutes before sophomore defender Molly Wannan scored her 16th goal of the year. By the end of the first half, the Tribe found themselves down 10-6.
The second half was defined by multiple-goal streaks for both teams. Down 13-10 with 15 minutes to play in regulation, Golden notched her third score of the game to push the College to within two. Sophomore attacker Ashley Holocener, junior attacker Mary Zulty and sophomore attacker Maggie Anderson all followed with goals of their own to give the Tribe a one-point advantage with less than 13 minutes to play. GMU followed with three goals over the next five minutes to go up 16-14 with eight minutes remaining.
The College would do the rest of the



CATLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT
Junior attacker Mary Zulty

scoring thanks to tallies from Wannan, junior midfielder Katherine Rees and the game-winner from Golden early in overtime.

College ready for CAA tournament

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a 6-3, 6-3 victory over the Spiders' Kelly Tidwell in the third singles spot.
"I was a lot more consistent than [Tidwell], a little more nervous at times because it was my last home match," Kasztelaniec said. "I think it was the consistent pressure that worked [for me]. She knew I was going to put one more ball in the court and that she had to hit a winner."
Pop secured the fourth point, clinching the victory for the Tribe with a three set, 6-1, 3-6, 6-2, triumph over Helen Cunningham.
With the win, the Tribe now shifts its attention to this weekend's CAA Tournament in Norfolk, Va. where the College will enter as the third seed.
"This week is recovery week," Head Coach Meredith Geiger-Walton said. "It is all about get-

ting the players fresh. I think it is probably, given the year we have had, better that we come in as the underdog. It alleviates a little bit of the pressure and allows us to avenge some of those [CAA] losses."
Georgia State University begins the tournament as the top seed, while Virginia Commonwealth University will take the second position.
"In previous years you could always tell there were two teams, [the College] and VCU, who were running for the championship. It is definitely not the case this year," Kasztelaniec said. "We are more of an underdog. But that makes it even more exciting and we are definitely ready to go and try to defend the title from last year."
The College has won 20 of the 24 CAA titles since the leagues' inception in 1984.

SPORTS



SPORTS IN BRIEF

WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

College finishes third at USAG Collegiate Nationals

The Tribe took third place in the team finals at the USAG Collegiate Nationals Friday in New Haven, Conn. with a score of 191.00. Freshman Kristin Milardo scored a team best 9.675 on the vault. The freshman's all-around score of 38.525 placed her third among all competitors. Milardo, sophomore Karla Bercaw and junior Jen Stack competed in the individual finals Saturday. All three earned first-team All-American honors. Bercaw scored 9.575 on the vault to finish seventh, four spots ahead of Milardo's 11th-place finish, with a score of 9.225.

MEN'S SOCCER

Tribe alum helps Baltimore Blast to NISL championship

Carlos Garcia '03 guided the Baltimore Blast of the National Indoor Soccer League to its fifth championship in seven years Saturday night. Garcia recorded a goal in the Blasts' 13-10 championship win over the Rockford Rampage. He ranked 11th in the NISL in points during the regular season. At the College, Garcia collected three All-CAA selections, leading the Tribe to the NCAA Tournament on three occasions.

MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Tribe competes in final competition before CAAs

Gearing up for this weekend's CAA Championships, the Tribe earned three individual fourth-place finishes at last Saturday's Lou Onesty Invitational in Charlottesville, Va. Sophomore Chris McIntosh finished fourth in the 400-m hurdles with a time of 54.72 seconds, while fellow sophomore Glen Wright Colopy's time of 8:49.04 earned him fourth place in the 3,000-m run. Senior Cam Shriver cleared 6'4.75" in the high-jump for the College's third fourth-place finish of the meet.

WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Four qualify for ECACs at Lou Onesty Invitational

Three members of the College's women's track and field squad qualified for the ECAC Championships at the Lou Onesty Invitational in Charlottesville, Va. Saturday. Freshman Natalie Baird set the school record in the discus with a throw of 152'10", qualifying herself for the ECAC's. Junior Nicole Kazuba and senior Ashley Madonick qualified for the Championships in the pole vault and 400-m dash, respectively. Kazuba vaulted a height of 12'3.5" while Madonick's time of 55.95 seconds in the 400-m dash made her the third-fastest quarter-mile runner in College history.

— By Jack Lambert

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NCAA Championships —
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MEN'S TENNIS
CAA Championships —Norfolk,
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WOMEN'S TENNIS
CAA Championships —Norfolk,
Va. — 9 a.m.

BASEBALL
TOWSON — 7 p.m.

LACROSSE
DREXEL — 7 p.m.

MEN'S GYMNASTICS
NCAA Championships —
Minneapolis, Minn.



COURTESY PHOTO — W&M SPORTS INFO
Senior Katarina Zoricic tied the College's all-time mark for doubles victories.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

College crushes Spiders

Tribe enters CAA tournament as third seed

By **CHRIS WEIDMAN**
Flat Hat Sports Editor

Competing for the fifth time in seven days, the College of William and Mary (9-11, 1-2 CAA) was able to close out its regular season with a convincing 5-2 senior day victory over the University of Richmond (14-5, 3-0 A10) Saturday at the McCormack-Nagelson Tennis Center. The College fought off fatigue to go 3-2 over the five-game stretch.

With mounting injuries, the Tribe could only send out two doubles teams. However, the no. 48 duo of senior Katarina Zoricic and junior Ragini Acharya as well as the tandem of senior Klaudyna Kasztelaniec and junior Carmen Pop both managed victories to give the Tribe its first doubles point in seven matches.

On the first court, Acharya and Zoricic fell behind a break at 2-4 before collecting six of the next seven games for an 8-5 win, the pair's 13th of the spring season.

"We got off to a slow start and realized that this isn't the tennis we should be playing," Acharya said. "We focused on being aggressive, closing, attacking their weak points, looking for openings, just establishing the fact that we were a better team than them."

The doubles triumph was the 125th of Zoricic's career, tying her for first place all-time at the College with Megan Moulton-Levy '08.

In her final home match, Kasztelaniec did not disappoint, bettering her spring record to 11-8, with

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LACROSSE

Buzzer beaters



CATLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT
Sophomore midfielder Grace Golden was named CAA co-player of the week Monday after finishing the week with nine goals and one assist leading the College to two overtime victories.

Tribe registers overtime victories over GMU and JMU to move into tie for first place in CAA

By **JAMISON SHABANOWITZ**
Flat Hat Assoc. Sports Editor

For the past two seasons, the College of William and Mary (7-6, 3-1 CAA) has needed overtime to defeat in-state rival James Madison University (5-7, 1-2 CAA). Friday night was no exception as sophomore defender Sarah Jonson's goal with .5 seconds left in overtime gave the Tribe a dramatic 14-13 victory.

"I got the pass from [sophomore midfielder] Grace [Golden], dropped it,

then charged to the net, switched to my left hand and just ripped it," Jonson said.

The sophomore's desperation goal was a fitting end for a night that was unkind to many of the two teams' top scorers. JMU lost their leading goal-scorer early in the game to a right knee injury. Still, the Dukes managed to keep the Tribe offense quiet in the opening period, trailing the College only 4-3 at halftime.

The second half opened with a JMU surge, as the Dukes scored five straight goals within the first ten minutes of the

half. The Tribe managed only one offensive possession during the span.

"I told them that there was no need to panic. There's a lot of time left on the clock, and we just need to pick it up," Head Coach Christine Halfpenny said.

With 14:27 left in the second half, Golden ended the scoring slump with a goal, starting off the Tribe's late rally. Led by junior midfielder Mary Zulty and sophomores Maggie Anderson and Golden, the College stormed back with four straight goals to tie the Dukes at 12 apiece with

2:35 left in regulation.

However, the Dukes were not ready to quit. Attacker Jaime Dardine forced overtime with a late goal that knotted the game at 13-all.

After an extra session which remained scoreless for nearly 10 minutes, the stage was set for Jonson's heroics.

"I didn't think I was going to score, but I didn't see anyone to pass to, and so I just shot it," Jonson said.

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BASEBALL

College falters on the road against the Seahawks

Tribe salvages a 14-8 win in final game of series

By **JACK LAMBERT**
Flat Hat Associate Sports Editor

It was the same dance to a different tune for the College of William and Mary (13-19, 4-8 CAA), as the Tribe dropped the first two games of their weekend series against the University of North Carolina-Wilmington (20-12, 7-5 CAA) before winning the finale Sunday 14-8 in Wilmington.

The Tribe has lost the Friday and Saturday games of weekend series' three times this season, each time coming back to win the finale on Sunday. Easter Sunday, it was senior starter Jeremy Neustifter who saved the series for the Tribe, allowing six runs on four hits through six innings.

"Jeremy threw the ball well. There was a real tight strike zone Sunday and he did a good job staying with it, pitching downhill enough and locating his slider just enough to keep hitters off balance," Head Coach Frank Leoni said.

The Tribe reached the halfway point of the conference season tied for ninth and need to make up ground to be one of the six teams that make the CAA tournament.

"We've played half the games now and obvi-

ously we have to start winning some series," Leoni said. "We knew the first four weekends were going to be rough-goings and I think we've done just enough to survive and keep our heads above water. But now we've got to start winning some games."

Leoni will need more offensive performances like the one he got from his team Sunday. The Tribe scored 14 runs on 11 hits, the most runs the team has scored since the first weekend of the season. Senior designated hitter Rob Nickle's 4-4, four RBI performance from the cleanup spot combined with senior leftfielder Jeff Jones' 2-4 with two RBI game to jumpstart an offense averaging 1.4 runs-a-game less than its opponents this season.

"I thought we swung the bats pretty well on Saturday also, but we couldn't put any hits together," Leoni said. "Sunday we just did a better job of putting hits together."

Junior righthander Kevin Landry could have used some run support Saturday, as he held the Seahawks to one hit through the first four frames

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JOHN QUINN — THE FLAT HAT
Senior shortstop Lanny Stanfield